

Please add the following new claims:

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3. (New) A protective cover comprising:
- a front portion;
  - a back portion; and
  - a non-absorbent material, wherein said front portion is attached to said back portion.
4. (New) The protective cover as claimed in claim 3, wherein said non-absorbent material is smooth textured.
5. (New) The protective cover as claimed in claim 3, wherein said non-absorbent material has a low frictional surface.
6. (New) The protective cover as claimed in claim 4, wherein said cover is sized for pillows and pillowcases.
7. (New) The protective cover as claimed in claim 5, wherein said cover is sized for pillows and pillowcases.
- 8 (New) The protective cover as claimed in claim 6, wherein said non-absorbent material is Nylon.

9. (New) The protective cover as claimed in claim 3, wherein said non-absorbent material is a barrier against soil, stains, hair coloring and facial makeup.

10. (New) The protective cover as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:  
a contrast portion attached to said front portion and said back portion.

11. (New) The protective cover as claimed in claim 10, wherein said contrast portion  
A<sub>2</sub> is made of a material other than Nylon.

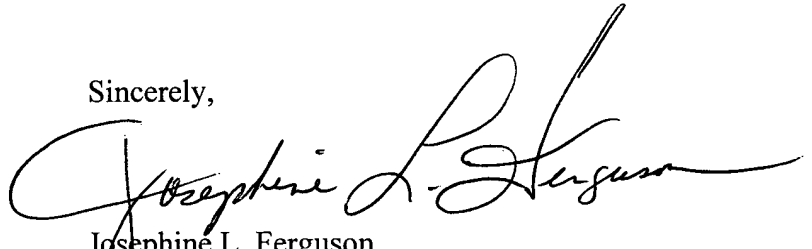
12. (New) The protective cover as claimed in claim 3, wherein said front portion and said back portion are equal in size.

13. (New) The protective cover as claimed in claim 3, wherein said front portion and said back portion are unequal in size.

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The Examiner is solicited for early allowance of this application and is requested to contact the undersigned applicant if needed to expedite this process.

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